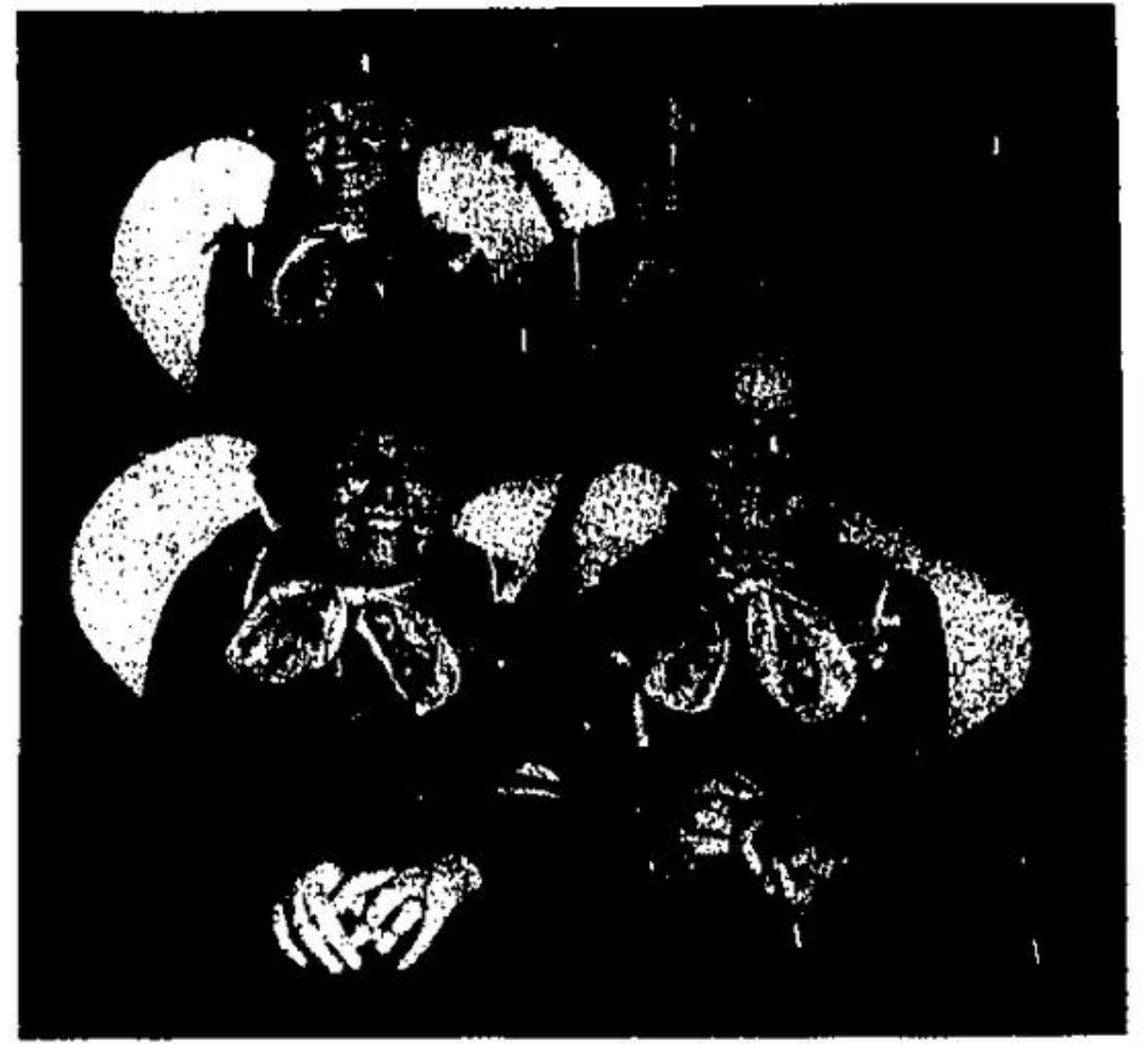


Time to celebrate



Friday the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 held their annual Remembrance Day awards night, honoring the best poems, essays and posters. The following are the poster winners (front, left to right) Douglas Jackson, Ken Chow, Emylie Tabuchl, Jorg Schmidt, (back row) Timothy Jackson, Carla Jackson, Beverly Keane and (absent) Michelle Green. (Herald photo by Daryl Maybanks)



These youngsters are happy to have graduated from Brownies to Guides. The Fly-up was held at the Knox Presbyterian Church Friday. Seen here are Louise Hatton, Samantha Warburton, Heather Perrin and Sherry Walsh. (Herald photo by Daryl Maybanks)



Friday at Knox Presbyterian Church, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders met for graduation ceremonies. Moving on up to Pathfinders from Guides are: Roberta Diachok, Cindy Squire, Kristy Johnson and Charla Rutherford. (Photo by Daryl Maybanks)

In the hills

Sidewalk bid

Penson Farm Equipment Ltd. of RR1 Georgetown has been awarded the tender for sidewalk snow clearing in Georgetown and Norval. His bid of \$36 per hour was the lowest of the two tenders received by the town. Mervin Barber of Nor-Halton Park, RR1 Acton got the tender for sidewalk snow clearing in Acton, provided his equipment is demonstrated to be satisfactory to the town engineer. He tendered at \$35 per hour.

Anti-drink week

A week in January has been declared anti-drinking and driving week, with increased police spot checks to be undertaken in Halton Hills.

Monday night, councillors approved the request of the Halton Hills Anti-drinking and Driving Committee to proclaim Jan. 18 to 24 anti-drinking and driving week.

The town's assistant clerk Stephen Thomson said local police have agreed to co-operate. Advertising the proclamation will cost about \$100, councillors were told. Town Treasurer Ray King said the money may come from the town advertising budget as the Anti-drinking and Driving Committee hasn't a budget this year.

Speaking of Nairobi

Tomorrow (Thursday), the Women of Halton Action Movement will be screening the movie "Speaking of Nairobi". Everyone's welcome to attend the 7:30 p.m. meeting, including new members.

Bring an hors d'oeuvre and enjoy the festive season at 1151 Carla Court in Oakville. For more information, contact Karyn Burney 844-3901.

The Women of Halton Action Movement meets the first Thursday of every month at the Oakville YMCA.

Enterac extension

Councillors are granting an extension of the draft plan approval which ends in two weeks to Enterac Property Corporation. The Corporation will have an additional year. The town will continue to hold sewage treatment plant capacity for 429 units for those lands at Lots 11, 12, 13, Con. 9 and Lots 12, 13, Con. 10 in Georgetown South.

Standards bylaw

Town staff will be looking into adopting the minimum standards bylaw across the whole town, excepting farms, greenhouses or agricultural uses.

Monday night, Coun. Joe Hewitt asked for a report on extending the bylaw which requires landlords to maintain their property to town standards. It protects tenants from sium landlords, a problem when there is such a shortage of rental housing in town.

Pumphouse cleanup

Neighbors to the Acton pumphouse building are being asked to let Coun. Norman Elliott know if the building isn't kept up.

Coun. Elliott made the request at Monday night's general committee meeting. The building has been closed off and the town experienced some problems about its upkeep earlier.

"Our new bylaw enforcement officer has done a very quick and commendable job on cleaning up this eyesore," the councillor said of Bob Ustrzycki.

Eggnog jog

The Fourth Annual Egg-Nog Jog is being held Dec. 14 starting off at 10 a.m. at Sideroad 27 and Tenth Line. The event is being sponsored by the Georgetown Track Club at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. The 11-kilometre run is for fun. Last year 152 runners registered. The town has agreed to clear the roads used for the race, in case of snow.

Grads find jobs

Ninety-eight per cent of 1986 Sheridan graduates have found jobs in the past six months - the highest percentage in the history of the College.

The 1986 Placement Report indicates that 98 per cent of the 1,568 graduates available for work found employment by November. That represents a two per cent increase over last year.

"This is the best job market the College has ever seen since tracing Sheridan graduates (1971)," said spokesman Rob Hill. "There has been growth in every area for our graduates. All of our indications are that this trend will continue."

Of the graduates who have found employment, 87 per cent found work related to their field of study. The 1,568 available for work were among 1,961 graduates. Ten per cent sought further education.

Parking agreement

Problems with tenants at the McGibbon Hotel getting ticketed or towed away for overnight parking has led to a new agreement between the town and Nick Markou.

The new parking lot lease agreement for downtown Georgetown allows for overnight parking on 100 feet by 20 feet behind the hotel. The parking area is to be supervised and controlled by the McGibbon Hotel.

If not for these 11 parking spaces, Mr. Markou said he would have no other option but to withdraw his property from the downtown parking pool to preserve his business.

Politicians meet

Halton politicians are talking to one another. It was in October they held their first-ever Halton Caucus meeting, and the next one is tentatively scheduled for February.

Federal, provincial and municipal representatives are meeting behind closed doors to discuss issues that impact on the entire Region.

Attending the first meeting were Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy, Halton Hills Mayor Russ Miller, Burlington Mayor Roly Bird, Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz, Oakville Mayor Bill Peras, Burlington MP B. Kemping, Brampton-Georgetown MP John McDermid, Halton MP Otto Jelinek, Halton Burlington MPP Don Knight, Burlington South MPP Cam Jackson, Oakville MPP Terry O'Connor was absent.

Says Coun. Norman

More lot levy money needed for libraries

By ANI PEDERIAN
Herald Staff

The town is giving developers a break with its new lot levies.

Monday night, councillors cut back their lot levy for a single family home from \$2,048 to \$1,960 - an 88 saving.

The cutback also applies to semi-detached homes and townhouses, and is based on a study completed this summer by C.N. Watson and Associates Limited.

For one bedroom and bachelor apartments, the lot levy will be \$759; and for two and three-bedroom apartments, \$1,457.

Up to now, the town lot levy for a townhouse was \$2,153. It was \$1,619 per unit in a three-stories-or-less apartment building, and \$1,457 per unit in an apartment building over three stories.

This new lot levy policy makes Halton Hills one of the lowest charging communities. Oakville charges \$2,600, Burlington \$3,105, Grimsby \$2,150 and Oshawa \$2,280.

Coun. Norman Elliott thought it was too low, and expressed concern the move would create even greater problems for the Halton Hills libraries. He has been a member of the Halton Hills Library board since 1976, and is currently a council designate on the Board.

Although the study considered the future needs of the library in determining the new lot levy, councillors added an amendment to their motion. The amendment of Coun. Betty Fisher asks the town treasurer, Mr. C.N. Watson and the chief librarian to meet and consider if enough money has been placed in the library component of the lot levy.

The \$1,960 figure isn't to be a stagnant one. The new lot levy policy allows for an annual updating according to changes in the Southern Construction Cost Index. This is to be done automatically on Jan. 1.

As well, the lot levy policy is to be reviewed every third year, with the first review to be undertaken in 1989.

Councillors are to receive a full accounting of how the lot levy funds were collected and used annually, under this new policy.

The Georgetown library was hampered and held back for years because it was housed in an old church which had growth constraints, Coun. Elliott said. Although

the library moved into its new home in the Halton Hills Library-Cultural Centre in September 1981, library space is barely adequate now, he said.

Acknowledging it would be near impossible to fund a new branch in Georgetown South, where 1,000 new homes are to go up by the end of the decade, Coun. Elliott asked that the library get more than four per cent of the overall lot levy. He noted Brampton gives nearly 10 per cent of its lot levy for library services and buildings.



Norm Elliott

of. We've been inadequately funded for years."

Mr. Watson said the figures arrived at for Halton Hills weren't picked out of the air, but were arrived at after full discussions with the town's staff, including the Chief Librarian. He said they can be justified in a court of law, unlike previous experiences of the town where the collection of lot levies were questioned in Ontario Municipal Board hearings.

As a result of the study, the town can justify its collection of this money from developers, and the new policy specifically designates how the money is to be used - not on

meeting the needs of existing taxpayers, but to meet the needs of the new home owners.

"I feel more comfortable with the levy. We can rationalize right back to the last dollar to the OMB, or any other agency," Town Treasurer Ray King said. "While slightly less, they have the saving grace of being totally defensible."

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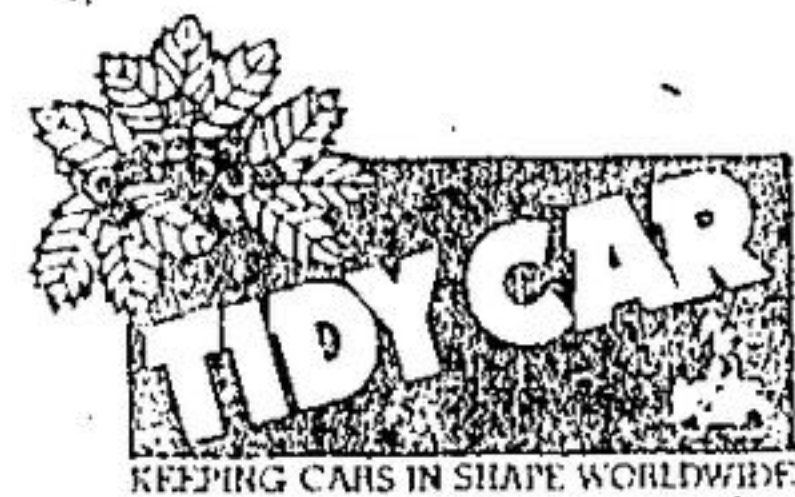
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